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SUBJ: AUG 28 SYRIAN MEDIA REPORT RESURGENCE OF FIGHTING IN  
LEBANON

1. SYRIAN MEDIA REPORTED RESURGENCE OF FIGHTING IN LEBANON.  
PRESS BANNERED: "VIOLENT ARTILLERY SHELLING RENEWED YESTER-  
DAY IN BEIRUT, MOUNTAINS AND TRIPOLI AREA." COMMERCIAL  
DISTRICT AND AREA AROUND AIRPORT SCENE OF HEAVY SHELLING.  
ACCORDING TO PRESS, SEVERAL BATTLES TOOK PLACE IN NORTH  
LEBANON.

2. PRESS NOTED CONTINUATION OF POLITICAL CONTACTS TO SETTLE  
CRISIS. SARKIS REPORTEDLY MET WITH SPEAKER KAMAL AS'AD,  
AND OTHER PARTIES TO CONFLICT MET TO DISCUSS AL PEACE  
PLAN. PRESS CITED AFP DISPATCH CLAIMING THAT IMPLEMENTA-  
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TION OF PLAN WOULD TAKE THREE MONTHS.

3. MEDIA REPORTED SOME GOOD NEWS. ACCORDING TO PRESS,  
INHABITANTS OF BEIRUT HAPPY WITH PARTIAL RETURN OF  
ELECTRICITY, "THE FIRST SIGN OF BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS."  
MORNING DAMASCUS RADIO STRESSED RETURN OF FIRST CONVOY  
OF EVACUEES TO NABAA FROM THEIR TEMPORARY QUARTERS IN  
BAALBEK. LEADERS OF ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN LEBANON APPEALED  
FOR HALT TO CLASHES ON ALL FRONTS.

4. AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST CHARGED EGYPT WITH STIMULATING  
FIGHTING IN LEBANON AND UNDERMINING ARAB UNITY AS PRELUDE  
FOR CONCLUDING "CONSPIRATORIAL AGREEMENT" TO END STATE OF  
BELLIGERU  
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